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REMARKS

The foregoing amendments should now be unequivocally clear how the structure of the present invention patentably distinguishes over the Mack patent. No reasonable interpretation of the latter would lead to the conclusion that it teaches --or even suggests-- the claimed invention herein.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.50284US).

Respectfully submitted,

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